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Gov. Rounds Announces Government Records Website

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Mike Rounds today announced that *OPEN SD* is on-line and open to anyone who wants to track state government financial information in South Dakota through a real-time, searchable portal.

“The citizens of our state deserve to know how their tax dollars are spent,” said Gov. Rounds. “I believe this system provides that information in an easy to use, comprehensive format that is continually updated.”

The site, <http://www.open.sd.gov/> will become the central portal to government information in South Dakota. In addition to more than 180,000 pages of information already available on state government websites, *OPEN SD* provides financial information about state government, in a searchable format, which currently includes over 106,000 different financial records.

Files for current budget, revenue, and staffing levels are available on *OPEN SD*, along with payroll, job classification, and vendor information, to name a few. The site is automatically updated in real-time; when records change, so does the information on *OPEN SD*.

OPEN SD is an on-going project. New features and information will be added as deemed necessary to offer South Dakotans an open window into the financial operations of their government.

OPEN SD can also be accessed through the state homepage at www.sd.gov.